

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SKANSKA USA BUILDING, INC., a  
Delaware corporation,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
ROGERS-QUINN CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
a California corporation,  
  
Defendant.

CIV. S-05-537 GEB GGH

STATUS (PRETRIAL  
SCHEDULING) ORDER

ROGERS-QUINN CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
A California Corporation,  
  
Counter-Claimant,  
  
v.  
  
SKANSKA USA BUILDING, INC., a  
Delaware Corporation,  
  
Counter-Defendant.

The status (pretrial scheduling) conference scheduled in  
this case for June 20, 2005, is vacated since the joint status report  
submitted by the parties obviates the need for the conference. The

1 following order issues based on the parties' joint status report and  
2 available dates.

3 SERVICE OF PROCESS

4 No further service is permitted, except with leave of Court,  
5 good cause having been shown.

6 JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES/AMENDMENT

7 No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is  
8 permitted except with leave of Court, good cause having been shown.

9 DISCOVERY

10 (a) All discovery shall be completed by July 18, 2006. In  
11 this context, "completed" means that all discovery shall have been  
12 conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes  
13 relative to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate orders,  
14 if necessary, and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has  
15 been complied with or, alternatively, the time allowed for such  
16 compliance shall have expired.<sup>1</sup>

17 (b) Each party shall comply with Federal Rule of Civil  
18 Procedure 26(a)(2)'s initial expert witness disclosure and report  
19 requirements on or before March 6, 2006, and with the rebuttal expert  
20 disclosures authorized under the Rule on or before April 6, 2006.  
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25 <sup>1</sup> The parties are advised that the Magistrate Judges in the  
26 Eastern District are responsible for resolving discovery disputes. See  
27 Local Rule 72-302(c)(1). Accordingly, counsel shall direct all  
28 discovery-related matters to the Magistrate Judge assigned to this case.  
A party conducting discovery near the discovery "completion" date runs  
the risk of losing the opportunity to have a jurist resolve discovery  
motions pursuant to the Local Rules.

MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

The last hearing date for motions shall be September 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.<sup>2</sup>

All purely legal issues are to be resolved by timely pretrial motions. Motions shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 78-230(b). Opposition papers shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 78-230(c). Failure to comply with this local rule may be deemed consent to the motion and the Court may dispose of the motion summarily. Brydges v. Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 652-53 (9th Cir. 1994). Further, failure to timely oppose a summary judgment motion may result in the granting of that motion if the movant shifts the burden to the nonmovant to demonstrate a genuine issue of material fact remains for trial. Cf. Marshall v. Gates, 44 F.3d 722 (9th Cir. 1995). When the last day for filing an opposition brief falls on a legal holiday, the opposition brief shall be filed on the next court day immediately following the legal holiday. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a).

Any party bringing a motion to dismiss, motion for summary judgment or summary adjudication, motion for judgment on the pleadings, or motion to remand shall attach to the motion a copy of the latest complaint (or cross-complaint where applicable).

In determining any motion for summary judgment, the Court will assume that the material facts as claimed in the movant's Statement of Undisputed Facts and adequately supported by evidence are admitted without controversy except to the extent that such material facts are (1) disputed in the nonmovant's response to the movant's

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<sup>2</sup> This time deadline does not apply to motions for continuances, temporary restraining orders, emergency applications, or motions under Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1 "Statement of Undisputed Facts," and (2) controverted by declaration  
2 or other written evidence filed in opposition to the motion. See L.R.  
3 56-260(b); Nilsson, Robbin, et al., v. Louisiana Hydrolec, 854 F.2d  
4 1538, 1545 (9th Cir. 1988). A party opposing a motion for summary  
5 judgment must serve upon all parties and file with the Clerk of Court  
6 the evidence upon which the opposing party will rely in opposition to  
7 the motion fourteen days before the scheduled hearing date. L.R. 78-  
8 230(c), 56-260. Evidence not timely filed by a party will not be  
9 considered. See Marshall v. Gates, 44 F.3d at 725.

10 Absent highly unusual circumstances, reconsideration of a  
11 motion is appropriate only where:

12 (1) The Court is presented with newly discovered evidence  
13 that could not have reasonably been discovered prior to the filing of  
14 the party's motion or opposition papers;

15 (2) The Court committed clear error or the initial decision  
16 was manifestly unjust; or

17 (3) There is an intervening change in controlling law.  
18 A motion for reconsideration based on newly discovered evidence shall  
19 set forth, in detail, the reason why said evidence could not have  
20 reasonably been discovered prior to the filing of the party's motion  
21 or opposition papers. Motions for reconsideration shall comply with  
22 Local Rule 78-230(k) in all other respects.

23 The parties are reminded that motions in limine are  
24 procedural devices designed to address the admissibility of evidence  
25 and are cautioned that the Court will look with disfavor upon motions<sup>3</sup>  
26 presented at the final pretrial conference or at trial in the guise of

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28 <sup>3</sup> Such motions include contentions under the collateral estoppel  
or res judicata doctrines.

1 motions in limine. The parties are further cautioned that if any  
2 legal issue which should have been tendered to the Court by proper  
3 pretrial motion requires resolution by the Court after the established  
4 law and motion cut-off date, substantial sanctions may be assessed for  
5 the failure to file the appropriate pretrial motion and/or the Court  
6 may elect not to decide the motion and to treat it as untimely. See  
7 U.S. Dominator, Inc. v. Factory Ship Robert E. Resoff, 768 F.2d 1099,  
8 1104 (9th Cir. 1985) (affirming district court's denial of untimely  
9 motion since "pretrial order controls the subsequent course of action  
10 unless modified by a subsequent order"), rejected on other grounds,  
11 Simpson v. Lear Astronics Corp., 77 F.3d 1170, 1174 (9th Cir. 1995);  
12 Dedge v. Kendrick, 849 F.2d 1398 (11th Cir. 1988) (same).

#### 13 FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

14 The final pretrial conference is set for November 13, 2006, at  
15 1:30 p.m. The parties are cautioned that the lead attorney who WILL  
16 TRY THE CASE for each party shall attend the final pretrial  
17 conference. In addition, all persons representing themselves and  
18 appearing in propria persona must attend the pretrial conference.

19 The parties shall file a JOINT pretrial statement with the  
20 Court not later than seven (7) days prior to the final pretrial  
21 conference.<sup>4</sup> The Court uses the parties' joint pretrial statement to  
22 prepare its final pretrial order. The final pretrial order supersedes  
23 the pleadings and controls the facts and issues which may be presented  
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25 <sup>4</sup> The failure of one or more of the parties to participate in  
26 the preparation of any joint document required to be filed in this case  
27 does not excuse the other parties from their obligation to timely file  
28 the document in accordance with this Order. In the event a party fails  
to participate as ordered, the party timely submitting the document  
shall include a declaration explaining why it was unable to obtain the  
cooperation of the other party or parties.

1 at trial. Issues asserted in pleadings which are not preserved for  
 2 trial in the final pretrial order cannot be raised at trial. Hotel  
 3 Emp., et al. Health Tr. v. Elks Lodge 1450, 827 F.2d 1324, 1329 (9th  
 4 Cir. 1987) ("Issues not preserved in the pretrial order are eliminated  
 5 from the action.").

6 The following provisions of Local Rule 16-281 shall apply  
 7 with respect to the matters to be included in the joint pretrial  
 8 statement: (b) (1), (b) (2),<sup>5</sup> (b) (3), (b) (5), (b) (9), (b) (10),  
 9 (b) (11),<sup>6</sup> (b) (12) to and including (b) (21), and (c).

10 The subject matter in Local Rule 16-281(b) (4), (b) (7), and  
 11 (b) (8) shall be combined in a single section titled "Factual, Legal  
 12 and/or Equitable Contentions."<sup>7</sup> In the "Factual, Legal and/or  
 13 Equitable Contentions" section, the parties shall number or  
 14 alphabetize each individually-pled cause of action and pled  
 15 affirmative defense to preserve the issue for trial. **Each pled claim**  
 16 **or affirmative defense must be accompanied by the elemental facts**

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 18 <sup>5</sup> In this section of the joint pretrial statement the parties  
 19 must specify what the judge is expected to decide and what the jury is  
 20 expected to decide. For instance, if the judge is expected to make a  
 ruling after the jury decides factual disputes, the factual issues to be  
 submitted to the jury shall be specified.

21 <sup>6</sup> In separate attachments to the joint pretrial statement each  
 22 party shall list all witnesses and each exhibit individually that the  
 23 party intends to offer at trial. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be listed  
 numerically; defendant's exhibits shall be listed alphabetically.

24 <sup>7</sup> If there are no legal or equitable contentions, the title  
 25 shall reflect only what is at issue. The requirement in (b) (8) is  
 26 modified since a party only needs to state sufficient law to show  
 27 viability of an issue. But it must be clear whether precise federal or  
 28 state law governs. If state law governs, the state whose law is  
 applicable must be specified. Since the governing law is stated in  
 conjunction with the elemental facts to establish a pled claim or  
 defense, there is no need for a separate statement of disputed factual  
 issues required by (b) (4). The relief sought, referenced in (b) (7),  
 shall follow the issue or issues giving rise to that relief.

1 supporting it and the relief sought, if applicable. For example:  
 2 **Plaintiff claims that Defendant violated her Fourth Amendment right to**  
 3 **be free from excessive force by applying the handcuffs too tight and**  
 4 **seeks general damages.** If the parties disagree about the inclusion of  
 5 an issue in this section, that issue shall be followed by the title  
 6 "Controversy", under which the parties' respective positions on the  
 7 issue shall be stated. The parties are warned that the "Factual,  
 8 Legal and/or Equitable Contentions" section of the joint pretrial  
 9 statement could be used to specify the issues preserved for trial in  
 10 the pretrial order, and that order could issue without the court  
 11 holding the scheduled final pretrial conference. See Mizwicki v.  
 12 Helwig, 196 F.3d 828, 833 (7th Cir. 1999) ("There is no requirement  
 13 that the court hold a pretrial conference."). **Thus, if an issue is**  
 14 **omitted from this section of the joint pretrial statement, it is**  
 15 **waived, even if it appears in the pleadings.** Valley Ranch Dev. Co. v.  
 16 F.D.I.C., 960 F.2d 550, 554 (5th Cir. 1992) (indicating that an issue  
 17 omitted from the pretrial order is waived, even if it appeared in the  
 18 pleading); cf. Raney v. District of Columbia, 892 F. Supp. 283 (D.D.C.  
 19 1995) (refusing to modify the pretrial order to allow assertion of a  
 20 previously-pled statute of limitations defense); Olympia Co., Inc. v.  
 21 Celotex Corp., 597 F. Supp. 285, 289 (E.D. La. 1984) (indicating that  
 22 "[a]ny factual contention, legal contention, any claim for relief or  
 23 defense in whole or in part, or affirmative matter not set forth in  
 24 [the pretrial statement] shall be deemed . . . withdrawn,  
 25 notwithstanding the contentions of any pleadings or other papers  
 26 previously filed [in the action]").

27 The parties are further warned that "since [the] process [of  
 28 having them delineate trial issues] is designed to promote efficiency

1 and conserve judicial resources, 'there is no reason to require that  
2 the elimination of non-trialworthy claims await a formal motion for  
3 summary judgment.'" Berkovitz v. Home Box Office, Inc., 89 F.3d 24,  
4 29 (1st Cir. 1996). "If the pretrial [statement] discloses that no  
5 material facts are in dispute and that the undisputed facts entitle  
6 one of the parties to judgment as a matter of law," the Court may  
7 summarily dispose of the case or issue. Portsmouth Square v.  
8 Shareholders Protective Comm., 770 F.2d 866, 868-69 (9th Cir. 1985)  
9 (emphasis added).

10 If possible, at the time of filing the joint Pretrial  
11 Statement counsel shall also email it in a format compatible with  
12 WordPerfect to: geborders@caed.uscourts.gov.

13 TRIAL SETTING

14 Trial is set for February 6, 007, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

15 MISCELLANEOUS

16 The parties are reminded that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
17 16(b), the Status (pretrial scheduling) Order **shall not be modified**  
18 **except by leave of Court upon a showing of good cause. Counsel are**  
19 **cautioned that a mere stipulation by itself to change dates does not**  
20 **constitute good cause.**

21 OBJECTIONS TO STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

22 Any party may, within ten (10) court days after the date  
23 this Order is filed, file and serve written objections to any part of  
24 this Order. Any objection must specify the requested correction,  
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1 addition, and/or deletion. Any response to an objection must be filed  
2 and served within ten (10) court days after the objection is filed.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated: June 8, 2005

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6 /s/ Garland E. Burrell, Jr.  
7 GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.  
8 United States District Judge  
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